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IN RADIO ADDRESS TODAY, MONITORED BY EMBASSY LOCAL EMPLOYEE AND EMBASSY LANGUAGE OFFICER AND OFFICIAL TEXT OF WHICH UNAVAILABLE, SIHANOUK WARNED US THAT IF KHMER SEPEI MOVEMENT AND RADIO NOT STOPPED BY DECEMBER 31, 1963, HE WILL END ALL FREE WORLD AID, CALL IN CHICOM FINANCIAL, TECHNICAL, AND MILITARY ADVISORS, AND TURN CAMBODIA INTO PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC WHICH WILL INEVITABLE EVOLVE INTO COMMUNISM.

PRINCE ANNOUNCED THREE CHOICES OF FREE WORLD AND KHMER SEPEI: (1) CAMBODIA CAN BE LEFT IN PEACE, ITS INDEPENDENCE RESPECTED, KHMER SEPEI MOVEMENT ENDED AND ITS RADIO CLOSED DOWN; (2) SON NGOC THANH AND SAM SANGKUN COME AND TRY ESTABLISH SELVES IN CAMBODIA, IN WHICH CASE SIHANOUK WILLING LEAVE COUNTRY FOR THREE WEEKS TO GIVE THEM FREE OPPORTUNITY; (3) IF NEITHER FIRST TWO CHOICES TAKEN BY DECEMBER 31, 1963, OR JANUARY 1, 1964, SIHANOUK WILL END ALL FREE WORLD AID, SPECIFICALLY US AND FRENCH ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID. IN LAST CASE, WHILE SANGKUN WOULD REMAIN TEMPORARILY AND CAMBODIA WOULD NOT BREAK DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH UNITED STATES, PRINCE WOULD CALL IN LEFTIST GROUPS AND CHICOM TECHNICIANS TO ORGANIZE NEW SOCIALIST

SYSTEM AND TO INITIATE SELF-HELP POLICY OF NATIONALIZATION

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THAT OF BEN BELLA. WHILE SUCH A REGIME WOULD NOT BE COMMUNIST IN BEGINNING, IT WOULD INEVITABLY SLIDE INTO COMMUNISM IN SHORT TIME.

CONCLUDING SPEECH IN HIGHLY EMOTIONAL VEIN, SIHANOUK STATED THAT IF FREE WORLD WISHED TO KILL HIM, IT SHOULD DO SO BEFORE DECEMBER 31, BECAUSE IT WOULD BE TOO LATE AFTER THAT DATE.

MUST EMPHASIZE FOREGOING BASED ON EMBASSY'S MONITORING SINGLE BROADCAST OF SPEECH AND SUBJECT BOTH TO POSSIBLE MINOR ERRORS AND TO CHANGES AND TONING DOWN WHEN OFFICIAL VERSION RELEASED IN AKP. EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED FBIS SAIGON MONITOR SCHEDULED EIGHT P. M. (PHNOM PENH TIME) REBROADCAST AND FORWARD TRANSLATION SOONEST.

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